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In re application of:

John Hefti  
Application No.: 09/365,978  
Filed: August 2, 1999  
For: BIO-ASSAY DEVICE (as amended)

Examiner: C. Chin

Art Unit: 1641

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 2, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as set out below. All claim amendments are to clarify the paragraph structure of allowable claim 13, to cancel rejected claims, or to modify previously existing claims so that they are now dependent from allowable claim 13. The title is also being amended so that it correlates with the claim indicated to be allowable.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title of the present application to "BIO-ASSAY DEVICE".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 12, 40-45, and 48-54.